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# ★ U.S. MEAT STAMPS

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**THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF STAMPS** placed on meat by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

**ONE IS THE INSPECTION STAMP** used by the Bureau of Animal Industry to indicate that the meat was inspected and passed as wholesome food.

**THE OTHER IS THE MEAT GRADE STAMP** used by the Agricultural Marketing Administration to indicate the market quality of the meat.

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MEAT is graded on request by the U. S. Agricultural  
voluntary. The stamps are put on the meat with  
four principal grades as they appear on beef, veal and

U.S.  
UTILITY

U.S.  
UTILITY

**UTILITY**

*\*Low priced, suitable for pot roast, stew, and other inexpensive dishes.*

U.S.  
COMRCL

U.S.  
COMRCL

**COMMERCIAL**

*\*Fairly good quality; very satisfactory for pot roast, stew and other inexpensive dishes.*

\* These uses apply to beef only.



**U. S. MEAT**

Marketing Administration. This grading service is  
 mless purple coloring. Below are the stamps of the  
 lamb.

U.S.  
 GOOD

U.S.  
 GOOD

**GOOD**

*\*Good quality for  
 all uses. A little fat  
 mixed with the lean.*

U.S.  
 CHOICE

U.S.  
 CHOICE

**CHOICE**

*\*High quality,  
 threaded with fat.  
 Very good for steaks  
 and roasts.*





*This stamp on fresh and cured meat (and certain other meat products) shows that the meat was inspected and passed as wholesome food. The purple coloring is absolutely harmless.*

*This stamp printed on canned or packaged meat products shows that the contents were inspected and passed as wholesome food.*



**INSPECTION FOR WHOLESOMENESS** is required by Federal law for concerns doing an interstate business. This inspection is conducted by the Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The numbers on the inspection stamps indicate the establishments where the meat was inspected.

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# U. S. Meat Inspection Stamps





